GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3180
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2003
REGISTERED PHARMACISTS
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per provisions of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, the drugs can be dispensed under the supervision of the registered pharmacists only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is shortage of registered pharmacists in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) As per the provisions of Pharmacy Act, 1948 and Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940, drugs against prescription of Registered Medical Practitioners are required to be dispensed under the supervisions of registered pharmacists. As per Section 42 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948, no person other than a registered pharmacist shall compound, prepare, mix or dispense any medicine on the prescription of a medical practitioner and whoever contravenes it shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine not exceeding one thousand rupees or with both.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.